

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

BERNARD J. MATTER,

Plaintiff,

v.

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF  
CORRECTIONS, BERNARD WARNER,  
MARK STERN, G. STEVEN  
HAMMOND, SUSAN LUCAS, PAT  
GLEBE, SARA SMITH, NORM  
GOODENOUGH, CLIFFORD  
JOHNSON, ELIZABETH SUITER,  
LARA STRICK, ELIZABETH  
ESCHBACH, BARBARA CURTIS,  
CATHERINE BAUM,

Defendants.

CASE NO. C13-5213 RBL/KLS

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION  
TO PROCEED *IN FORMA*  
*PAUPERIS*

The Court, having reviewed Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* does hereby find and **ORDER:**

Plaintiff's declaration indicates he is unable to afford the Court's filing fee or give security therefor. Accordingly, Plaintiff's application to proceed as a pauper is **GRANTED**. As set forth below, an initial partial filing fee will be collected, and Plaintiff is required to make monthly payments of 20 percent of the preceding months income credited to his/her account until the full amount of the filing fee is satisfied.

1 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915 and Plaintiff's approved application to proceed *in forma*  
2 *pauperis*, the agency having custody of the above named Plaintiff is directed to calculate an  
3 initial partial filing fee equal to 20 percent of greater of -- the average monthly deposits to the  
4 prisoner's account or the average monthly balance in the prisoner's account for the 6-month  
5 period immediately preceding the date of this Order. The initial partial filing fee should be  
6 forwarded to the Court Clerk as soon as practicable.

7 Subsequently, if the prisoner's account exceeds \$10.00, each month the agency is  
8 directed to collect and forward payments equal to 20 percent of the prisoner's preceding month's  
9 income credited to the prisoner's account. In the event that the monthly payment would reduce  
10 the prisoner's account below \$10.00, the agency should collect and forward only that amount  
11 which would reduce the prisoner's account to the \$10.00 level. Please note that this \$10.00 limit  
12 does not apply to the initial partial filing fee described above. Finally, the monthly payments  
13 should be collected and forwarded to the Court until the entire filing fee (\$350.00) for this matter  
14 has been paid.

15 The Clerk is directed to send Plaintiff a copy of this Order and the General Order, along  
16 with a copy of Plaintiff's Acknowledgment and Authorization portion of the IFP application to  
17 the attention of the inmate account manager of the Stafford Creek Corrections Center, Aberdeen,  
18 Washington.

19 Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

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23 United States Magistrate Judge  
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